

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: PERSON AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM,	)	
PERSON AUTHENTICATION METHOD, AND	)	
PROGRAM PROVIDING MEDIUM	)	

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**RESPONSE TO APRIL 20, 2006 OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2006. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.